

REMARKS

Claims 1-23 are pending in the Application. Claims 20-23 have been added. No new matter has been added. Entry of the amendment is respectfully requested. Reconsideration is respectfully requested.

The indication of allowable subject matter in claims 3-6 and 11-18 is greatly appreciated. Accordingly, claims 3 and 11 have been written into an independent form. Thus, Applicants respectfully submit that claims 3-6 and 11-18 are now allowable.

The 35 U.S.C. § 102 Rejections

Claim 1

Claim 1 has been amended to further recite that the note is a currency note, and that the data is usable to uniquely identify a suspect currency note. Claim 1 further includes the subject matter from original claim 7.

The Applicants respectfully traverse the rejection. Hyde does not anticipate claim 1. Hyde is not directed to currency notes, especially suspect currency notes. Hyde is directed to a check cashing system. Hyde is non analogous art.

Where does Hyde teach receiving a currency note into an automated banking machine? Where does Hyde teach assessing the currency note for validity? Where does Hyde teach storing data usable to uniquely identify a suspect currency note and the person associated with the suspect currency note?

The Dependent Claims

Each of the dependent claims depends directly or indirectly from an independent claim. The Applicants have shown independent claims to be allowable. Thus, it is asserted that the dependent claims are allowable on the same basis. Additionally, each dependent claim recites specific features and relationships that further patentably distinguish the claimed invention over the applied art. Thus, it is respectfully submitted that the dependent claims are further allowable due to the recitation of such additional features and relationships.

Fees For Additional Claims

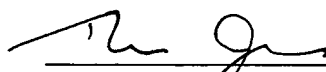
Please charge the fees associated with the submission of four claims in excess of twenty claims (\$72) and any other fee due to deposit account 09-0428.

Conclusion

Allowance of all of Applicants' pending claims is respectfully requested.

The undersigned will be happy to discuss any aspect of the Application by telephone at the Office's convenience.

Respectfully submitted,



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